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Reptilia," which was referred to a Committee to be appointed by the President.\*

Dr. Cope offered for the Proceedings "A Contribution to the Vertebrate Palæontology of Texas."

Dr. Brinton presented for the Proceedings "Studies in the South American Native Languages," which was ordered to be printed.

The paper by Dr. Bonwill, "Geometry and Mechanics Deny Evolution," was made the special order for March 4, 1892.

Pending nominations 1232 to 1240 (inclusive) were read.

On motion of Dr. Brinton, it was resolved that a Committee of three should be appointed by the President to consider the advisability of taking concerted action in connection with other learned societies for the celebration of the four-hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America. †

And the Society was adjourned.

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*Stated Meeting, February 19, 1892.*

Present, 12 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Correspondence was submitted as follows:

Acknowledgments (136) were received from the Geological Survey, Ottawa; Canadian Institute, Toronto; N. S. Institute of Science, Halifax; Society of Natural History, Maine Historical Society, Portland, Me.; Agricultural Experiment Station, Amherst; Prof. C. H. Hitchcock, Hanover, N. H.; Vermont Historical Society, Montpelier; State Library of Massachusetts, Historical Society, Boston Public Library, Society of Natural History, Mr. Robert C. Winthrop, Boston;

\*The President subsequently appointed as such Committee, Drs. Ryder, Jayne and Sharp.

†The President subsequently appointed as such Committee, Drs. Brinton, Cope and Frazer.



Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, Profs. A. Agassiz, Charles W. Eliot, Robert N. Toppan, Cambridge, Mass.; Dr. Pliny Earle, Northampton, Mass.; Essex Institute, Salem; American Antiquarian Society, Worcester; Brown University, R. I. Historical Society, Providence; Mr. George F. Dunning, Farmington, Conn.; Historical Society, Theological Seminary, Hartford; Yale University, N. H. Colony Historical Society, Profs. O. C. Marsh, H. A. Newton, W. D. Whitney, New Haven; Prof. James Hall, Albany; Society of Natural Sciences, Buffalo Library, Buffalo, N. Y.; Prof. E. North, Clinton, N. Y.; Profs. J. M. Hart, J. E. Oliver, Ithaca, N. Y.; American Museum of Natural History, Mathematical Society, Meteorological Observatory, New York Historical Society, Hospital Library, University of the City of New York, General Henry L. Abbot, Mr. Joel A. Allen, Prof. J. J. Stevenson, New York; Vassar Brothers Institute, Poughkeepsie; Oneida Historical Society, Utica; U. S. Military Academy, West Point; Prof. Henry M. Baird, Yonkers; Mr. Isaac C. Martindale, Camden, N. J.; Profs. W. H. Green, C. A. Young, Princeton; Dr. Robert H. Allison, Ardmore, Pa.; Mr. Burnet Landreth, Bristol; Prof. Robert W. Rogers, Carlisle; Prof. Martin H. Boyè, Coopersburg; Hon. Eckley B. Coxe, Drifton; Rev. Thomas C. Porter, Prof. J. W. Moore, Dr. Traill Green, Easton; Prof. Lyman B. Hall, Haverford College P. O.; Mr. Ario Pardee, Hazleton; Mr. John Fulton, Johnstown; Academy of Natural Sciences, Engineers' Club, Wagner Free Institute, Numismatic and Antiquarian Society, Philadelphia Library, Drs. W. G. A. Bonwill, H. C. Chapman, George Friebis, W. W. Keene, George R. Morehouse, Isaac Norris, Charles A. Oliver, C. N. Peirce, W. S. W. Ruschenberger, H. Clay Trumbull, Profs. John Ashhurst, Jr., F. A. Genth, Jr., H. D. Gregory, J. P. Lesley, John Marshall, Samuel P. Sadtler, H. W. Spangler, Messrs. Henry Carey Baird, William S. Baker S. Castner, Jr., Thomas M. Cleemann, Patterson Du Bois, J. S. Harris, William A. Ingham, W. W. Jefferis, G. de B. Keim, James T. Mitchell, C. Stuart Patterson, Henry Phillips, Jr.,



Franklin Platt, Theodore D. Rand, Samuel Wagner, Talcott Williams, Admiral E. Y. Macauley, Philadelphia; Mr. Heber S. Thompson, Pottsville; Rev. G. W. Anderson, Rosemont, Pa.; Philosophical Society, Messrs. William Butler, Philip P. Sharpless, W. Townsend, West Chester; Maryland Institute, Baltimore; Agricultural Experiment Station, College Park; Leander McCormick Observatory, University of Virginia, Prof. J. W. Mallet, Charlottesville, Va.; Agricultural Experiment Station, Prof. I. C. White, Morgantown, W. Va.; N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station, Raleigh; University of Alabama, University P. O.; Agricultural Experiment Station, College Station, Tex.; Prof. E. W. Claypole, Akron, O.; Cincinnati Observatory; Editor of the "Journal of Comp. Neurology," Granville, O.; Columbia Athenæum, Tenn.; Prof. J. L. Campbell, Crawfordsville, Ind.; Experiment Station, La Fayette, Ind.; Historical Society, Chicago; Academy of Science, St. Louis; Geological Survey of Missouri, Jefferson City; General William F. Reynolds, Detroit, Mich.; Kansas Academy of Science, Topeka; State Historical Society, Madison, Wis.; University of California, Berkeley; Prof. George Davidson, San Francisco, Cal.

Letters of acknowledgment were received from the Tokyo Anthropological Society (135); Société de Géographie, Bucarest, Roumania (135); University Library, St. Petersburg (135); Société de Géographie de Finlande, Helsingfors (131-135); Société R. des Sciences, Upsal, Sweden (134); Maatschappij de Nederlandsche Letterkunde, Leiden (135); Société Neuchateloise de Géographie, Neuchatel (135); Redaction der "Naturwissenschaftlichen Wochenschrift," Berlin (135); Naturforschende Gesellschaft in Emden (135); Oberhess. Gesellschaft f. Natur. u. Heilkunde, Giessen; M. Otto Böhrling, Leipzig (135); Société des Sciences Naturelles, etc., Guéret, France (135); Prof. Léon de Rosny, Paris (134, 135); Société des Antiquaires de la Morinie, St. Omer (131-134); R. Istituto di Studi Superiori, Florence, Italy (135); Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me. (96-130, 132-136, and Catalogue, Parts i-iv); Mr. George F. Dunning, Farmington, Conn. (135);



Free Public Library, Jersey City (96-130, 136, and Catalogue, Parts i-iv).

Letters of envoy were received from the Société de Géographie de Finlande, Societas pro Fauna et Flora Fennica, Helsingfors; Naturwissenschaftliche Verein für Schleswig-Holstein, Kiel, Prussia; K. Sächsische Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften, Leipzig; Société Royale des Sciences, Upsal, Sweden; R. Academia de Ciencias y Artes, Barcelona, Spain; Royal Statistical Society, Lowdon; Boudoin College, Brunswick, Me.; Messrs. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.; Observatoire Météorologique Central de Mexico.

Accessions to the Library were reported from the Geological Survey of India, Calcutta; Magyar Tudományak Akadémia, Société Hongroise de Géographie, Budapest; Société de Géographie de Finlande, Societas pro Fauna et Flora Fennica, Helsingfors; Société Royale de Géographie, Antwerp; Gesellschaft für Anthropologie, Ethnologie, etc., Berlin; Naturwissenschaftlicher Verein für Schleswig-Holstein, Kiel; Publishers of the "Revue Universitaire," Paris; R. Academia de Ciencias y Artes, Barcelona, Spain; Royal Society, Royal Geological Society, London; Royal Society, Edinburgh; Philosophical Society, Cambridge, Eng.; Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me.; Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass.; Prof. William Dwight Whitney, New Haven; Astor Library, Academy of Sciences, American Museum of Natural History, Dr. T. Sterry Hunt, New York; Hon. Thomas H. Dudley, Camden; Mr. Albert S. Gatschet, Washington, D. C.; Public Library, Cincinnati; State Historical Society, Iowa City; Wyoming Agricultural College, Laramie; Missouri Geological Survey, Jefferson City; Dr. John C. Branner, Little Rock, Ark.; Academy of Science, Tacoma, Wash.; Prof. J. de Mendizábel Tamborrel, Mexico.

The Committee appointed at last meeting to examine Prof. Cope's paper for the Transactions, reported it worthy of publication, and was discharged.

The deaths of Theodore Mommsen (February 3, 1892, æt. 75) and T. Sterry Hunt (February 12, 1892, æt. 66) were announced.



On motion, the Society appointed Mr. James Douglass, of New York city, to prepare the usual obituary notice of Dr. Hunt.

The proceedings of the Board of Officers and Council were submitted.

This being the stated evening for balloting for candidates for membership, pending nominations Nos. 1232, 1233, 1234, 1235, 1236, 1237, 1238, 1239 and 1240 were read, spoken to and voted upon.

Prof. Cope made an oral communication on "The Geology of the Staked Plains of Texas."

The Committee on Extended Accommodations presented a final report, and stated that the total cost of alterations to the building had amounted to \$41,449.72.

On motion of Dr. Brinton, the report was accepted and the Committee discharged, with the hearty thanks of the Society for its long, arduous and faithful labors.

The Library Committee reported the following minute :

STATED MEETING, FEBRUARY 12, 1892.

The Librarian reported that owing to the advanced condition of the Library he had been able to dispense with the services of the assistants hitherto employed by the Committee, and pursuant to authority granted him by the Chairman he had discharged them.

The action of the Librarian was approved.

The Librarian was directed to purchase the New Century Dictionary, the Supplement to Allibone's Dictionary, and U. S. wall map.

Dr. Morris, on behalf of the Curators, reported that the Peale collection of relics of the Stone Age had been placed in the Society's museum, and that all expenses connected with the transfer of the same had been borne by Mr. Robert Patterson, to whom the thanks of the Society were tendered.

The thanks of the Society were tendered to Miss Emily Phillips for a gift of a locket containing the hair of General Andrew Jackson, presented at the last meeting of the Society.

All other business having been transacted, the tellers reported to the President the result of the ballot, who thereupon



declared the following to have been duly elected members of the Society :

2199. Hon. George William Curtis, New York city, N. Y.

2200. Anthony J. Drexel, Esq., Philadelphia.

2201. Prof. Edward A. Leech, Ph.D., Director U. S. Mint, Washington, D. C.

2202. Hon. Seth Low, LL.D., President Columbia College, New York city, N. Y.

Dr. E. D. Cope offered the following amendment to Chapter ix, Section 1, of the Laws :

The ordinary meetings of the Society shall be on the first and third Fridays of every month, from September to the third Friday in June inclusive, at eight o'clock in the evening.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.

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*Stated Meeting, March 4, 1892.*

Present, 27 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Correspondence was submitted as follows :

Acceptances of membership were read as follows :

Mr. Anthony J. Drexel, Philadelphia.

Hon. Seth Low, New York city, N. Y.

Hon. George William Curtis, West New Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y.

A circular was received from the Linnean Society of New South Wales, announcing the death of its President, Sir William Macleay.

A letter from P. Steiner (Darmstadt) in reference to his language, *Pasilengua*.

Letters of acknowledgment were received from the Institut